



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: VOIGHTS CREEK FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR

Description of Proposal: This project involves the repair of flood created damage from January 2009. Flood water moved large amounts of gravel and sediment resulting in areas where erosion has occurred and other areas where large amounts of sediment were deposited and now needs to be removed. The specific components of this project are:

1. Remove 6700 cubic yards of gravel area around the hatchery pump intake, adult fishway, adult pond outlet, spawning shed and weir location. A track hoe and wheeled front end loader will be used for the excavation. Some of the gravel removal will occur inwater, especially in the weir location.
2. Replace rip rap above outlet of adult pond that was eroded during the flood. Approximately 250 yards of rock will be replaced. Work will be done out of water during low flow periods.
3. Install temporary weir across Voights Creek to divert returning adult salmon into the hatchery.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The Voights Creek Hatchery site is located 1.3 miles southeast of Orting on Highway 162. After crossing over Voights Creek on Highway 162, the hatchery is the first left, immediately after the bridge at Pioneer Way. 19112 Pioneer Way, Orting, Washington, 98360 County; Pierce, Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 05 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **June 30, 2009**.

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW

SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 16, 2009 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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